

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 146, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3381–S3582

Measures Introduced: Twenty-six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 638–663, S. Res. 79–80, and S. Con. Res. 11. **Pages S3550–51**

Measures Passed:

Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act: By 77 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 106), Senate passed H.R. 146, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed there-to: **Pages S3385–S3513**

Adopted:

Coburn Amendment No. 682 (to Amendment No. 684), to protect scientists and visitors to federal lands from unfair penalties for collecting insignificant rocks. **Pages S3385, S3388–89**

Bingaman Amendment No. 684, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3385–S3513**

Bingaman Amendment No. 686, to amend the title. **Page S3513**

Rejected:

Coburn Amendment No. 677 (to Amendment No. 684), to require Federal agencies to determine on an annual basis the quantity of land that is owned by each Federal agency and the cost to taxpayers of the ownership of the land. (By 58 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 104), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3385, S3386–87, S3388**

Coburn Amendment No. 683 (to Amendment No. 684), to prohibit funding for congressional earmarks for wasteful and parochial pork projects. (By 70 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 105), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S3385, S3387, S3389**

National Safe Place Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 80, designating the week beginning March 15, 2009, as “National Safe Place Week”. **Page S3578**

Measures Considered:

Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act—Cloture Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws. **Page S3577**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 19, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2009, and that if cloture is invoked, then post-cloture time count as if cloture had been invoked at 3 p.m., on Monday, March 23, 2009. **Page S3577**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, March 23, 2009. **Page S3578**

Appointments:

U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Section 154 of Public Law 108–199, appointed the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator E. Benjamin Nelson. **Page S3578**

U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Section 154 of Public Law 108–199, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 111th Congress: Senator Gregg. **Page S3578**